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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGION

	AUGUST 1983			AUGUST 31, 1983	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
SOFTWOOD LUMBER		(Million Board Feet)			
Southern Pine Region	598	586	571	487	1,461
Douglas Fir Region	583	612	543	567	988
Western Pine Region	784	721	717	409	1,242
California Redwood Region	128	137	110	31	363
Other Softwoods	117	115	108	227	270
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,210	2,171	2,049	1,721	4,324
% Change - July 1983	3.9%	4.8%	1.7%	-6.6%	0.9%
% Change - August 1982	5.7%	9.1%	0.2%	9.0%	3.6%
HARDWOOD LUMBER					
Southern Hardwood Region	305	302	288	216	681
Appalachian Hardwood Regio	54	53	52	*	*
Other Hardwoods	145	143	137	136	853
TOTAL HARDWOODS	504	498	477	352	1,534
% Change - July 1983	1.4%	-1.6%	-9.1%	-5.6%	0.4%
% Change - August 1982	27.0%	27.0%	14.4%	18.5%	-15.1%
TOTAL LUMBER	2,714	2,669	2,526	2,073	5,858
% Change - July 1983	3.4%	3.5%	-0.5%	-6.4%	0.8%
% Change - August 1982	9.1%	12.1%	2.6%	10.5%	-2.0%
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING		(Thousand Feet)			
Oak Flooring (Bd. Ft.)	NA	8,940	NA	6,776	5,331
Maple Flooring (Sq. Ft.)	804	895	934	2,598	2,161
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD (Sq. Ft. 3/8" Basis)					
Total All Regions	1,927,049	1,902,079	1,926,167	416,936	342,221
% Change - July 1983	18.3%	17.4%	24.0%	13.0%	-22.4%
% Change - August 1982	20.1%	24.8%	23.2%	-22.0%	-12.5%

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

	PRODUCTION			SHIPMENTS		
		---% Change From--			---% Change From--	
	Aug.'83	Jul.'83	Aug.'82	Aug.'83	Jul.'83	Aug.'82
	(Million Board Feet)			(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine	7,098	3.8%	2.7%	6,942	6.9%	12.9%
Douglas Fir	6,852	-13.2%	5.6%	7,158	-5.3%	9.7%
Western Pine	9,214	1.5%	10.0%	8,071	0.2%	3.9%
California Red.	1,493	-10.0%	-3.4%	1,567	-9.9%	20.4%
Other Softwoods	1,350	-2.1%	5.4%	1,319	-2.1%	9.5%
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	26,007	-3.1%	5.7%	25,057	-0.5%	9.2%
TOTAL HARDWOODS	5,815	0.1%	27.0%	5,796	-8.5%	27.0%
TOTAL LUMBER	31,823	-2.5%	9.0%	30,853	-2.1%	12.1%

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

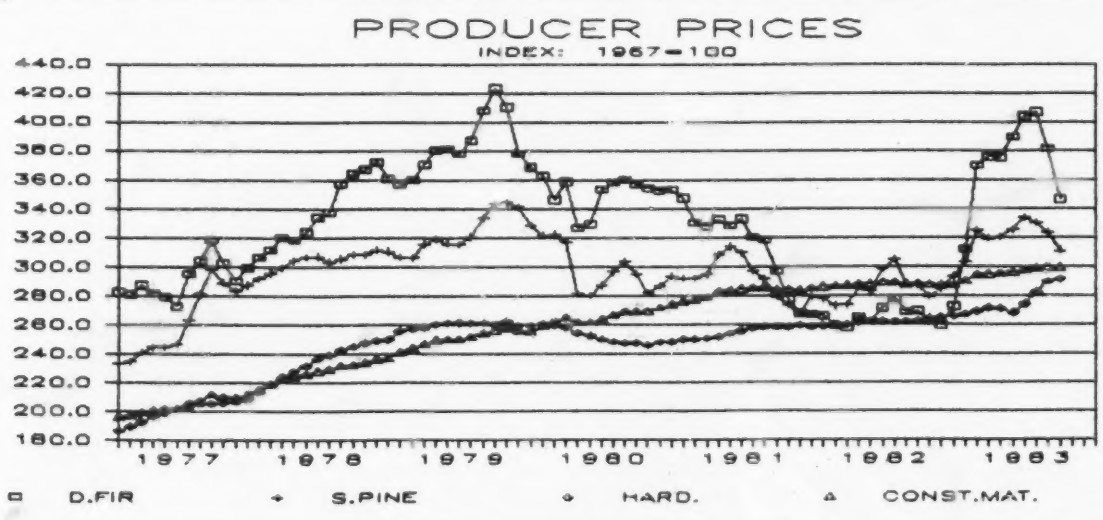
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber -- 8 mos. 1983	20,930	20,817	20,781
Total Lumber -- 8 mos. 1982	17,018	16,950	17,108
% Change	23.0%	22.8%	21.5%
Softwood Lumber -- 8 mos. 1983	17,282	16,937	16,906
Softwood Lumber -- 8 mos. 1982	13,804	13,615	13,809
% Change	25.2%	24.4%	22.4%
Hardwood Lumber -- 8 mos. 1983	3,648	3,880	3,875
Hardwood Lumber -- 8 mos. 1982	3,214	3,335	3,299
% Change	13.5%	16.3%	17.5%

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

		---% Change From--		8 mos.	% Change From 8 mos.
	Aug.'83	Jul.'83	Aug.'82	1983	1982
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	1,089.9	4.0%	22.8%	8,102.4	36.4%
Softwoods	1,069.2	4.1%	22.8%	7,939.2	37.4%
From Canada	1,066.1	4.0%	22.7%	7,921.0	37.5%
Other Sources	3.1	12.2%	66.6%	18.1	-13.6%
Hardwoods	19.3	-0.3%	20.2%	155.2	14.5%
From Canada	6.2	0.2%	-7.1%	52.2	12.0%
Other Sources	13.1	-0.5%	39.8%	103.0	15.8%
Other (Not Specified)	1.3	19.5%	36.9%	8.1	-66.8%
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	198.9	27.9%	22.8%	1,522.6	10.5%
Softwoods	149.0	25.0%	14.1%	1,189.5	6.9%
Hardwoods	45.7	32.8%	66.8%	301.5	26.2%
Other (Not Specified)	4.2	127.8%	2.8%	31.6	20.4%
Exports from Canada	58.9	7.6%	92.8%	452.3	59.8%

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	---% Change From---		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Aug. '83	Jul. '83	Aug. '82	8 mos. '83	8 mos. '82
	(Billions of Dollars)				
VALUE OF ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION PUT-IN-PLACE	25.6	6.7%	20.3%	166.0	12.1%
Private	20.1	4.7%	26.1%	134.1	15.7%
Residential	11.0	3.8%	66.5%	68.7	45.6%
Nonresidential	9.1	5.8%	-2.6%	65.4	-4.8%
Public	5.5	14.6%	3.3%	32.0	-0.8%
	Sep. '83	Aug. '83	Sep. '82	9 mos. '83	9 mos. '82
	(Thousands of Units)				
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private & Public	155.7	-12.4%	43.8%	1,306.5	70.3%
New Private Starts	153.9	-13.0%	44.6%	1,298.5	70.9%
Seasonally Adjusted	1652	-13.5%	45.7%		
One-Family Housing Starts	95.2	-13.6%	50.4%	831.0	73.7%
Proportion of Total	61.1%			63.6%	
	Aug. '83	Jul. '83	Aug. '82	8 mos. '83	8 mos. '82
	(Millions of Dollars)				
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED					
All Private Construction	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Housing Units	6,675	4.6%	90.9%	45,477	83.3%
New Nonresidential	3,557	17.2%	37.5%	22,553	3.4%
Additions & Alterations	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	(Number of Units)				
SHIPMENTS OF MOBILE HOMES	30,100	29.2%	35.6%	198,000	21.8%



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Q II 1983	Q I 1983	Q II 1982	6 mos. '83	6 mos. '82
	(Million Board Feet)				
U.S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION					
Total	10,684	11.0%	20.9%	20,308	32.2%
Softwoods	9,361	13.4%	23.9%	17,614	36.5%
Hardwoods	1,323	-3.5%	3.3%	2,693	9.3%

		% Change From	
	Sep. '83	Aug. '83	Sep. '82
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adj.)			
All Industries	90,468	0.8%	1.4%
All Manufacturing Industries	18,854	0.4%	1.6%
Lumber and Wood Products	704	0.6%	16.7%
Furniture and Fixtures	457	-0.2%	6.8%

		% Change From	
	Sep. '83	Aug. '83	Sep. '82
	(Index: 1967=100)		
PRODUCER PRICES			
All Commodities	305.3	0.1%	2.0%
All Construction Materials	299.8	0.0%	4.0%
Lumber and Wood Products	306.0	-2.5%	16.3%
All Lumber	348.2	-5.0%	12.2%
Softwood Lumber	361.4	-6.4%	12.6%
Douglas Fir Lumber	346.5	-9.2%	28.5%
Southern Pine Lumber	311.0	-3.8%	8.2%
Other Softwood Lumber	392.4	-8.9%	12.0%
Hardwood Lumber	291.2	0.5%	10.9%
Millwork	305.7	-0.6%	9.4%
Softwood Plywood	306.3	-2.1%	8.5%
Hardwood Plywood	182.7	0.0%	4.4%
Wood Household Furniture	261.7	0.5%	3.3%
Pulp, Paper, & Allied Products	299.1	0.4%	3.4%
Steel Mill Products	357.7	1.8%	2.7%
Aluminum Shapes	313.7	2.4%	5.8%
Concrete Products	302.8	0.2%	1.4%
Structural Clay Products	281.7	0.0%	6.7%

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